

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD****[Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 2)]****BNSF Railway Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company**

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF), a Class I rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) for its acquisition of restricted, local, trackage rights over two rail lines owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) between: (1) UP milepost 93.2 at Stockton, Cal., on UP's Oakland Subdivision, and UP milepost 219.4 at Elsey, Cal., on UP's Canyon Subdivision, a distance of 126.2 miles; and (2) UP milepost 219.4 at Elsey, and UP milepost 280.7 at Keddie, Cal., on UP's Canyon Subdivision, a distance of 61.3 miles (collectively, the Lines).

Pursuant to a written temporary trackage rights agreement, UP has agreed to grant restricted trackage rights to BNSF over the Lines. The purpose of this transaction is to permit BNSF to move empty and loaded unit ballast trains to and from the ballast pit at Elsey, which is adjacent to the Lines. The agreement provides that the trackage rights are temporary in nature and are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 27, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 19, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

<sup>1</sup> BNSF states that, because the trackage rights are for local rather than overhead traffic, it has not filed under the Board's class exemption for temporary overhead trackage rights under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8). Instead, BNSF has filed under the trackage rights class exemption at 1180.2(d)(7). BNSF concurrently filed a petition for partial revocation of this exemption to permit these proposed trackage rights to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021, as provided in the agreement. The petition for partial revocation will be addressed in a subsequent decision.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36377 (Sub-No. 2), should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on BNSF's representative, Peter W. Denton, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036.

According to BNSF, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(3) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: January 7, 2021.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Eden Besera,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****[Docket No. FAA-2020-1158]****Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: License Requirements for Operation of a Launch Site**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected includes data required for performing launch site location analysis. The launch site license is valid for a period of 5 years. Respondents are licensees authorized to operate sites.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by March 15, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:*  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* Charles Huet, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591.

*By fax:* 202-267-5463.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Huet by email at: [Charles.huet@faa.gov](mailto:Charles.huet@faa.gov); phone: 202-267-7427.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0644.

*Title:* License Requirements for Operation of a Launch Site.

*Form Numbers:* There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of an information collection.

*Background:* The data requested for a license application to operate a commercial launch site are required by 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IX, 701—Commercial Space Launch Activities, 49 U.S.C. 70101-70119 (1994). The information is needed in order to demonstrate to the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA/AST) that the proposed activity meets applicable public safety, national security, and foreign policy interest of the United States.

*Respondents:* Approximately 2 applicants.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 2,322 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 4,644 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Kelvin Coleman,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator, Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration.*

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